

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)

2. (Thrice amended) A receiver circuit arranged in a receiving [A clock phase detecting circuit arranged in a receiving] unit of multiplex radio equipment, comprising:

an identifying circuit for identifying a demodulated signal at a predetermined identification level, said demodulated signal being obtained by demodulating a multilevel orthogonal modulated signal;

a clock regenerating circuit for regenerating a signal identification clock for said identifying circuit to supply said signal identification clock to said identifying circuit;

an equalizing circuit for subjecting said demodulated signal obtained by demodulating the multilevel orthogonal modulated signal to an equalizing process; and

a clock phase detecting unit for detecting a phase component of said signal identification clock based on input and output signals of said equalizing circuit and then for supplying said phase component to said clock regenerating circuit;

wherein said clock phase detecting unit comprising:

an error detecting unit for detecting a signal error between said input and output signals of said [equalizing] equalizing circuit;

a signal inclination detecting unit for detecting the inclination of said demodulated signal; and

a clock phase calculating unit for operating the phase component of said signal identification clock by calculating based on respective outputs from said error detecting unit and said signal inclination detecting unit.

3. (Amended) A receiver circuit arranged in a receiving [The clock phase detecting circuit arranged in the receiving] unit of multiplex radio equipment, according to claim 2, wherein said signal inclination detecting unit comprising:

a delaying unit for delaying the output from said identifying circuit; and

a comparing unit for comparing the output from said identifying circuit with the output from said delaying unit to detect the inclination of said demodulated signal.

4. (Amended) A receiver circuit arranged in a receiving [The clock phase detecting circuit arranged in the receiving] unit of multiplex radio equipment, according to claim 2, wherein said identifying circuit is operated with high speed clocks; and wherein said signal inclination detecting unit comprising:

a delaying unit for delaying the output from said identifying circuit, said delaying unit being operated with said high speed clocks;

a latching unit for holding the output from said identifying circuit and the output from said delaying unit with clocks slower than said high speed clocks; and

a comparing unit for comparing the output of said identifying circuit held in said latching unit with the output from said delaying unit to detect the inclination of said demodulated signal.

5. (Twice amended) A receiver circuit arranged in a receiving [The clock phase detecting circuit arranged in the receiving] unit of multiplex radio equipment, according to claim 2, wherein said identifying circuit comprises plural identifying units corresponding to the number of plural demodulated signals obtained by demodulating said multilevel orthogonal

modulated signal; and wherein said signal inclination detecting unit includes a comparing unit that compares outputs of said plural identifying units with each other to detect the inclination of the demodulated signal when clocks with different predetermined phase shift between said plural identifying units are supplied to said plural identifying units.

6. (Amended) A receiver circuit arranged in a receiving [The clock phase detecting circuit arranged in the receiving] unit of multiplex radio equipment, according to claim 2, wherein said clock phase calculating unit is formed as a multiplying unit that subjects the output of said error detecting unit and the output of said signal inclination detecting unit to a multiplying calculating process.

7. (Amended) A receiver circuit arranged in a receiving [The clock phase detecting circuit arranged in the receiving] unit of multiplex radio equipment, according to claim 2, wherein said clock phase calculating unit is formed as an exclusive OR calculating unit that subjects the output of said error detecting unit and the output of said signal inclination detecting unit to an exclusive OR calculation process.

8. (Five times amended) A receiver circuit arranged in a receiving [A clock phase detecting circuit arranged in a receiving] unit of multiplex radio equipment, comprising:
an identifying circuit for identifying a demodulated signal at a predetermined identification level, said demodulated signal being obtained by demodulating a multilevel orthogonal modulated signal;
a clock regenerating circuit for regenerating a signal identification clock for said

identifying circuit to supply said signal identification clock to said identifying circuit;

an equalizing circuit for subjecting said demodulated signal obtained by demodulating the multilevel orthogonal modulated signal to an equalizing process; and

a clock phase detecting unit for detecting a phase component of said signal identification clock based on input and output signals of said equalizing circuit and then for supplying said phase component to said clock regenerating circuit;

wherein said clock phase detecting unit comprises:

an error detecting unit for detecting [an] the input and output signals [signal to output signal error] of said [equalizing] equalizing circuit;

a signal inclination detecting unit for detecting the inclination of said demodulated signal;

a clock phase calculating unit for detecting the phase component of said signal identification clock by calculating based on the respective outputs from said error detecting unit and said signal inclination detecting unit;

a specific signal judging unit for judging whether a specific signal exists; and

a gating unit for [producing] producing the phase component of said signal identification clock obtained by said clock phase calculating unit when said specific signal judging unit judges that said specific signal exists.

9. (Amended) A receiver circuit arranged in a receiving [The clock phase detecting circuit arranged in the receiving] unit of multiplex radio equipment, according to claim 8, wherein said signal inclination detecting unit comprising:

a delaying unit for delaying the output from said identifying circuit; and

a comparing unit for comparing the output from said identifying circuit with the output

from said delaying unit to detect the inclination of said demodulated signal.

10. (Amended) A receiver circuit arranged in a receiving [The clock phase detecting circuit arranged in the receiving] unit of multiplex radio equipment, according to claim 8, wherein said identifying circuit is operated with high speed clocks; and wherein said signal inclination detecting unit comprising:

a delaying unit for delaying the output from said identifying circuit, said delaying unit being operated with said high speed clocks;

a latching unit for holding the output from said identifying circuit and the output from said delaying unit with clocks slower than said high speed clocks; and

a comparing unit for comparing the output of said identifying circuit held in said latching unit with the output from said delaying unit to detect the inclination of said demodulated signal.

11. (Twice amended) A receiver circuit arranged in a receiving [The clock phase detecting circuit arranged in the receiving] unit of multiplex radio equipment, according to claim 8, wherein said identifying circuit comprises plural identifying units corresponding to the number of plural demodulated signals obtained by demodulating said multilevel orthogonal modulation signal; and wherein said signal inclination detecting unit includes a comparing unit that compares outputs of said plural identifying units with each other to detect the inclination of the demodulated signal when clocks with different predetermined phase amount between said plural identifying units are supplied to said plural identifying units.

12. (Amended) A receiver circuit arranged in a receiving [The clock phase detecting

circuit arranged in the receiving] unit of multiplex radio equipment, according to claim 8, wherein said clock phase calculating unit is formed as a multiplying unit that subjects the output of said error detecting unit and the output of said signal inclination detecting unit to a multiplying calculating process.

13. (Amended) A receiver circuit arranged in a receiving [The clock phase detecting circuit arranged in the receiving] unit of multiplex radio equipment, according to claim 8, wherein said clock phase calculating unit is formed as an exclusive OR calculating unit that subjects the output of said error detecting unit and the output of said signal inclination detecting unit to an exclusive OR calculation process.

14. (Twice amended) A receiver circuit arranged in a receiving [The clock phase detecting circuit arranged in the receiving] unit of multiplex radio equipment, according to claim 8, wherein said specific signal judging unit includes plural signal judging units that judge plural kinds of specific signals, and further comprising a selecting unit arranged between said [specific signal judging unit] plural signal judging units and said [gate] gating unit, for selecting decision results from said plural signal judging units.

15. – 48. (Canceled)

STATUS OF CLAIMS AND IDENTIFICATION OF SUPPORT

Claims 2-14 are pending.

Claims 1, 47, and 48 are canceled.

Claims 8 and 11 are amended herein.

Support for the amendment to claims 1, 2, 8, and 11 may be found in the original claims, and throughout the specification and figures. In particular, support for these amendments may be found in figures 1-6 showing a demodulated signal being input to an identifying circuit.